
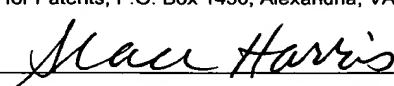


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) HO-P02216US0	
Application Number 09/869,554		Filed December 23, 1999	
For METHOD FOR SEQUENCING DNA USING A MICROFLUIDIC DEVICE			
Art Unit 1634		Examiner S. A. Sakelaris	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
		<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$430.00	\$215.00 \$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$980.00	\$490.00 \$ 980.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,530.00	\$765.00 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00 \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-2375. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 45,872			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____			
 _____ Signature		October 1, 2004 _____ Date	
Melissa W. Acosta _____ Typed or printed name		(713) 651-5407 _____ Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 forms are submitted.			

<b>Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. ER393629298US, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.	
Dated: October 1, 2004	Signature:  (Staci Harris)